

AMENDED IN SENATE AUGUST 15, 2013

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 62**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Ian Calderon**

May 31, 2013

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 62—Relative to the Detectives Mike Lane and John Pierce Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 62, as amended, Ian Calderon. The Detectives Mike Lane and John Pierce Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State *Highway* Route 72 as the Detectives Mike Lane and John Pierce Memorial Highway. The measure would request that the Department of Transportation determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Detective Mike Lane graduated from Loara High  
2 ~~School, Anaheim~~, *School in Anaheim* and joined the Whittier Police  
3 Department on January 22, 1968, as a cadet, attaining the position  
4 of police officer on May 23, 1969; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1973, Detective Lane was assigned to the  
6 Whittier Police Department’s Detective Division, Criminal Tactical  
7 Unit, and Major Crime Investigations; and

8 WHEREAS, Detective Lane was also *a* member of the Southeast  
9 Burglary Investigation Team from its inception in April 1975, until

1 March 4, 1977, when he became a detective in the Whittier Police  
2 Department's Investigative Division, Narcotics Detail; and

3 WHEREAS, On December 13, 1979, Detective Lane was  
4 working undercover on a motorcycle theft investigation when he  
5 was attempting to buy back a stolen motorcycle from a local outlaw  
6 motorcycle gang when he was confronted by the suspects while  
7 still in his vehicle. Shots were exchanged and he sustained fatal  
8 injuries; and

9 WHEREAS, Detective John Pierce attended and graduated from  
10 El Rancho High School and Fullerton City College; and

11 WHEREAS, After a stint in the California National Guard,  
12 Detective Pierce joined the Whittier Police Department on October  
13 2, 1967, as a uniformed patrol officer, and in the early 1970s, he  
14 served as a liaison officer in the Whittier Police Explorer Post;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, In 1973, Detective Pierce was promoted to the  
17 Whittier Police Department's Investigative Division, assigned to  
18 narcotics and vice, and later served on the Whittier Police  
19 Department's SWAT Team; and

20 WHEREAS, In 1976, Detective Pierce attained the rank of agent.  
21 Detective Pierce also served as a training officer in the Whittier  
22 Police Department's Investigative Division; and

23 WHEREAS, In April 1977, Detective Pierce was named the  
24 "California Outstanding Narcotics Officer" by the We Tip  
25 organization; and

26 WHEREAS, On September 21, 1976, while working *on* an  
27 undercover investigation regarding the sale of narcotics, Detective  
28 Pierce was assaulted by two subjects and sustained serious injuries.  
29 These injuries left him paralyzed from the neck down and  
30 ultimately resulted in his death on May 18, 1977; and

31 WHEREAS, These two heroic police officers, who were killed  
32 in the line of duty while protecting the community against  
33 dangerous criminals, will never be forgotten; and

34 WHEREAS, Although the Whittier Police Department has lost  
35 only these two officers in its 94-year history, and the wounds of  
36 these losses have healed over time, the significance of their  
37 sacrifices lives on; now, therefore, be it

38 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
39 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the  
40 portion of State *Highway* Route 72 from the western entrance to

1 State ~~Highway~~ Route 72 at the intersection of ~~Norwalk Penn Street~~  
2 and Whittier ~~Boulevards~~ *Boulevard* to the eastern entrance of State  
3 ~~Highway~~ Route 72 at the intersection of ~~Valley Home Avenue~~  
4 *Costa Glen Avenue* and Whittier Boulevard as the Detectives Mike  
5 Lane and John Pierce Memorial Highway to honor these two brave  
6 police officers who were killed in the line of duty and requests  
7 that a sign be placed at each of these entrances that displays this  
8 designation; and be it further

9 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested  
10 to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the  
11 signing requirements for the state highway system showing this  
12 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate  
13 sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it  
14 further

15 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
16 of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author  
17 for appropriate distribution.